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May 6, 2020

The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Gaynor,

I am writing to strongly urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide a robust supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to every nursing home here in Brooklyn and Staten Island as soon as possible. This pandemic has caused tremendous suffering in my community - as a New York City district we are at the epicenter of this crisis and this help is needed now. I urge that you send this PPE as soon as possible and that you prioritize Staten Island and Brooklyn for more PPE than your standard ration as we are the nation's hotspot and have the most need for these resources and supplies.

I have been working closely with New York City, New York State, the Staten Island Borough President's office, and Brooklyn elected officials for months now to advocate for PPE for our nursing homes. Despite our serious focus on getting these nursing homes what they need, we are still consistently hearing that they are lacking the PPE they need to keep patients and staff safe.

A few days ago FEMA announced that it would be sending PPE to nursing homes across the nation. This was long overdue but we welcome it and urge you to make assisting nursing homes a priority going forward. To ensure that FEMA has a meaningful impact here, PPE should be delivered to every nursing home on Staten Island and in Brooklyn and they should get these items ahead of and in larger quantities than areas that have had very few cases of COVID-19. This critical action would help save lives in the area of the country that needs it the most. I look forward to working with you closely to ensure that our nursing homes get the PPE they need.

Sincerely,



Max Rose  
Member of Congress